

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. In the Office Action, the reissue oath/declaration was allegedly defective based on the contention that it did not specifically identify at least one error used to support the reissued application. The undersigned attorney has prepared a supplemental reissue declaration with the wording suggested by the Examiner. Acceptance of the reissue declaration is respectfully requested.

Regarding claims 25-37, since these claims have been newly added, Applicants have retained the parenthetical expression "New" to denote that these claims have been added by reissue.

The Examiner has requested surrender of the original patent grant before allowance of the reissue. The assignee encloses herewith the original patent grant, and thus, the Examiner has all requested information necessary for granting the reissue.

Conclusion

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests receipt of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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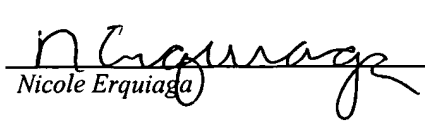
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